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SUBJECT: SIROTKOVIC VISIT TO US

1. THE RICH PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON OF THE CROATIAN DELEGATION LED BY PRESIDENT SIROTKOVIC WAS FRONT PAGE NEWS IN ZAGREB'S MAJOR DAILY VJESNIK APRIL). THE NEWS REPORT LISTED THE SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS WHICH WERE HELD IN "A VERY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE." FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF THE ITEM WHICH APPEARED UNDER THE HEADLING "FASTER AT KRSKO."

2. "WASHINGTON (FROM VJESNIK'S PERMANENT CORRESPONDENT). ON THE FIRST WORKING DAY OF A SEVEN-DAY VISIT TO U.S., THE DELEGATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF SABOR OF SR CROATIA WHICH IS LED BY DR. JAKOV SIROTKOVIC, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, HELD MANY IMPORTANT AND USEFUL TALKS IN WASHINGTON WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE. ALONG WITH SIROTKOVIC IN THE DELEGATION THERE ARE VAMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, ANTE ZELIC AND LJUBO MAJERIC. THE AMBASSADOR OF SFRY IN WASHINGTON, DIMCE BELOVSKI, IS ALSO PARTICIPATING

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IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

3. "THE VISIT IS TAKING PLACE AT THE INVITATION OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, AND ON BEHALF OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT, THE DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY JUANITA KREBS, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, IN WHOSE MINISTRY THERE WAS ALSO A WORKING LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY MANY AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN. MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION HELD

DISCUSSIONS ON THE FIRST DAY WITH ANTHONY SOLOMON, UNDER-SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY; RICHARD COOPER, UNDERSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; AND DUBRUL, CHAIRMAN OF EXIM BANK; THEY WERE ALSO RECEIVED BY ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT CARTER IN THE WHITE HOUSE, STUART EISENSTADT, AND BY ROBERT MCNAMARA, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT.

4. "THE TALKS WERE HELD IN A VERY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE; PRESENT RELATIONS WERE POSITIVELY ASSESSED AND IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE USA WILL STRIVE FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TIES WITH YUGOSLAVIA. SINCE THE ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN USA AND SR CROATIA REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT PART OF AMERICAN-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION, THERE WAS THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF SOME LARGE ECONOMIC PROJECTS WHICH ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN SR CROATIA WITH AMERICAN TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

5. "THEY DISCUSSED COOPERATION BETWEEN 'DOW CHEMICAL' AND INA, MORE RAPID CONSTRUCTION OF THE ATOMIC POWER PLANT IN KRSKO, CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS, DEVELOPMENT OF THE METAL PROCESSING INDUSTRY, YUGOSLAV SHIPPING OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE USA, AND THE LARGE TOURIST PROJECTS SUCH AS BABIN KUK NEAR DUBROVNIK. GREAT MUTUAL INTEREST WAS SHOWN IN COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING AND IT WAS SAID THAT THE DEADLINES WILL BE OBSERVED, AND THAT THE MUTUAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WILL BE EXPANDED, INCLUDING JOINT VENTURES IN THIRD MARKETS.

6. "AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI GAVE A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF THE DELEGATION AT THE EMBASSY. THE DELEGATION IS CONTINUING THE TALKS, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CROATIAN ETHNIC ORGANIZATIONS. DRAZEN VUKOV COLIC" KAISER

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